

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
SERVICE AREA 8 ADMINISTRATION**

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

(RESTRICTED TO DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH EMPLOYEES)

Supervising Psychiatric Social Worker

TIES for Families is seeking a highly-motivated, organized and clinically-competent individual to fill the full-time position of Supervising Psychiatric Social Worker to provide clinical and administrative supervision for licensed and unlicensed staff. TIES clinical staff provide group, individual, and family therapy to adoptive and birth families of children involved with the child welfare system or at risk of detainment. Multidisciplinary Assessment Team (MAT) assessments are also provided at TIES for Families. MAT is a collaborative effort between the Department of Mental Health (DMH) and Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) designed to ensure immediate and comprehensive psychosocial assessment of child/family needs when a child enters foster care.

TIES (Training, Intervention, Education, Service), located in Torrance, facilitates the adoption of children birth to eighteen who are in foster care when return to their birth parents is not possible. Services are offered as children are transitioned to an adoptive home to promote attachment and avoid escalation of behavior problems. Services available following placement include: (1) medical consultation, (2) educational consultation and advocacy, (3) developmental, psychological, psycho-educational, psychiatric/medication evaluations, (4) individual/family counseling, and (5) support and therapy groups for parents and for children. Evidence-based treatments are emphasized within a framework that promotes secure attachment.

ESSENTIAL JOB DUTIES:

- ✚ Trains, instructs, and evaluates clinical staff, and makes work assignments.
- ✚ Provides individual and group supervision to clinical staff, including those receiving hours towards licensure.
- ✚ Uses clinical and diagnostic skills to make suggestions and recommendations on special, complicated, or problem cases.
- ✚ Performs Quality Assurance activities, such as, reviews medical records for completeness, consistency, and quality of services, including application of proper techniques.
- ✚ Provides culturally-competent, comprehensive psychosocial strength-based assessments of children and family needs.
- ✚ Provides culturally-competent direct service, including individual, family and group therapy, case management, and consultation.
- ✚ Interfaces with DCFS, Department of Health Services (DHS), schools, Regional Center and other mental health agencies.
- ✚ Confers with program manager concerning personnel and work problems.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:

- ✚ Experience with clinical and administrative supervision.
- ✚ Clinical experience providing mental health services to populations of children birth to five, in foster care, or who have experienced trauma, abuse, or other significant loss.

- ✚ Ability to establish collaborative working relationships with individuals in DCFS and DMH clinical programs, as well as with agency providers. Knowledge of services available for children within service area.
- ✚ Familiarity with child development, foster care, grief and loss issues, adoption and attachment.
- ✚ Knowledge and experience with evidence-based treatment models for children and adolescents.
- ✚ Experience working in the field, including home visiting.
- ✚ Experience with multi-disciplinary team(s).
- ✚ Excellent oral and written communication skills.
- ✚ Spanish language proficiency.

Interested applicants holding the title of Supervising Psychiatric Social Worker should submit their resume, last two (2) performance evaluations, and last two (2) years of master time cards **by Friday, July 1, 2011** to:

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